

Local health centers to get millions in healthcare reform grants

HARTFORD – This afternoon **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** announced three separate Affordable Care Act grants for two local community healthcare centers in Torrington and East Hartford.

Both the **Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington** and **East Hartford Community Healthcare Inc.**

, have been awarded “Capital Development – Building Capacity Program” grants of \$5 million and \$2,997,804 respectively. These grants are designed to help expand the existing facilities, improve existing primary care and preventive health services and serve more patients.

Additionally, East Hartford Community Healthcare Inc., has also been awarded a \$500,000 “Capital Development – Immediate Facility Improvement Program” grant to address immediate facility and equipment needs.

“Two years after its passage, the Affordable Care Act continues to help build stronger and healthier communities,” Congressman Larson said. “Community health centers, like those in Torrington and East Hartford, serve thousands of residents every year and are critical to the health and well-being of so many of our friends and neighbors. I am very pleased to see the hard work of the men and women of these centers go recognized and look forward to their continued success with these grants.”

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced these grants as part of a more than \$728 million commitment to 398 renovation and construction projects to community health centers nationwide.

Last October Congressman Larson wrote a letter of support to HHS on behalf of both the Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington and the East Hartford Community Center Inc.'s grant applications.

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